

## 1. Introduction

a. 2 Pet 3:16 some things difficult to understand

b. Racism is one form of prejudice

- hatred based on color of skin (black, brown, native American ...)

- hatred based on religion

- hatred based on size-overweight

- hatred based on disability - (deaf, person in wheelchair)

c. "Do not judge before the time"

- do not make hasty decision

- do not make premature conclusion

d. ~~Opposi~~ Another way to show racism is showing favoritism

- "race baiting" - trick people into hating someone else without cause/without knowing someone

e. Basis of all prejudice

- someone who is not like me

- uncomfortable with other culture, with different income (rich vs poor), with different looks, with different language, etc

2. What is Answer Against Prejudice - ~~P~~

a. How to fix prejudice? Problem

b. \* Prejudice common human problem

- early church - Acts 6:1 Hebrews

vs. Hellenistic Jews

- \* Hellenistic widows being neglected

- \* 2 different cultures competing in early church

- early church - Acts 10:9-16 - common

Jewish prejudice against Gentiles

- \* God's answer to Peter, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common."

2c. Jesus shows complete lack of prejudice

- Samaritan woman at well-

\* Jn 4:3, 9, 20, 27-28

\* Jews & Samaritans hated each other

d. ~~But~~ early church members had a prejudicial clique

- Torah observing Pharisee Jews against Gentile believers

- Acts 15:5 Pharisee Christians wanted Gentile Christians to be circumscribed & follow Torah laws

2. How do people learn?

a. Line by line, precept by precept

\* Is 28:9-10

b. Teach children in all situations

\* every this is teaching situation

3. "Pastor James" Reviews Problem

a. Doer of God's law

- Jms 1:5 God of wisdom

\* God gives freely

\* God gives without disapproval

- Jms 1:17 Father of Lights

\* God is not chargeable

\* God has no shadow of turning

b. Be doers of the Word

- Jms 1:22, 25 doer (obedient) of God's law

4. Pastor James Decides

a. Do not hold Christian faith in partiality

- Jms. 2:1 Do not hold faith in favoritism

- Jm 2:4 ~~partiality~~ (favoritism) is judgment with evil thoughts

\* rich verses poor

- Jms 2:7 Partiality (favoritism) is blaspheming God's noble name

- Jms 2:9 showing favoritism is committing sin

b. God's solution

- Jms 2:8 fulfill God's royal law

\* "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- Jms 2:18, 22-23 living faith

\* living faith means believing God